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HONGKONG, JANUARY 25TH, 1895.

More than a year ago M. DE LANESSAN urged on the Minister for the Colonies a project for the abolition of the transit dues levied on goods passing through Tonkin to and from China. This question is discussed in a recent issue of the *Indépendance* under the heading "Le tarif de Tonkin." The French tariff was extended to the possessions in Indo-China the necessity of treating on a more liberal basis goods simply passing through the country was recognized, with a view to encouraging trade by the Tonkin route. A bold freedom of transit should have been granted, but instead of this a reduction of the tax to one-fifth of the amount levied on goods entering Tonkin for internal consumption was decided upon. The total abolition of the dues is now proposed. In the early years of the occupation the amount of the trade by the Red River was insignificant, owing to the state of insecurity then prevailing, but late years the volume of business has largely increased and the transit dues levied have become an appreciable item in the colony's receipts. Opinions as to the advisability of the revision vary. Our Hanoi contemporary quotes from an anonymous note contributed to the Société Géographique Commerciale, and discussed at a meeting of the Society in February last, the writer of which says that the dues do not exercise the depressing effect on the transit trade that has been attributed to them, and that not only would their abolition not secure the end in view, but would entail an unnecessary sacrifice of revenue; that the best argument advanced in support of the proposal is that if there were no dues goods would then be free from examination by the Customs; that it would then be possible to pack the goods at the place of origin in packages suitable for carriage by mules between Mungao and Nentou, and no further trouble would have to be taken with them in Tonkin, which, the writer says, would be a great advantage to trade; but he argues that to secure this advantage it is not necessary to abolish the transit dues, as an arrangement could be made with the Chinese Customs to collect those dues at the same time as the import duty, with the assistance of French officials, and refund them to the Tonkin Government. Our Hanoi contemporary italicizes the reference to the Chinese Customs, which it naturally says cannot be taken seriously, but it is of opinion that the arguments advanced will strengthen the Paris authorities in their opposition to the surrender of dues which have an appearance of protecting French goods. The *Indépendance* goes on to argue that the dues are of no material advantage from that point of view. The full duty levied on foreign goods intended for consumption in Tonkin itself is barely sufficient to enable French goods to compete with them, and in certain lines, notably cotton yarn, cotton is absolutely impossible. Now cotton is one of the principal articles of the Yunnan trade, and the full protection-duty being insufficient to permit of the competition of French goods, how can it be supposed that when it is reduced 80 percent, as in the case of the transit trade, it will encourage the importation of French goods? Experience has shown that not a kilogramme of French cotton yarn, or even of cotton

cloth, goes by the Haiphong-Laochou route. On the other hand it is conceivable that the abolition of the dues would largely encourage the development of trade, for the objection to the dues is not so much their amount as the inconvenience which their collection entails, since the tariff rules are so complicated that all packages have to be opened for Customs examination, and the unpacking and repacking cause grave delay. Our contemporary believes that M. DE LANESSAN recently again urged the adoption of the proposal he submitted a year ago, and it expresses the hope that the measure will be accepted. In this hope we cordially unite, for the remission of the dues and freedom from the trouble their collection entails would be to the benefit of Hongkong, the transit trade by the Red River route having its headquarters in this colony.

H. M. S. *Crescent* arrived at Sydney from Hongkong on the 20th ult.

The Customs Club at Shanghai gave a galloping ball on the 18th inst.

There will be no race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Sunday next, the 27th inst.

Owing to the China New Year holiday there will be no issue of the *Daily Press* to-morrow.

"Ye Crayons" will be at home to their friends at the Hongkong Hotel from half-past five to seven this afternoon.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Nagasaki on 5th ult. yesterday and left at 4 p.m. for Hongkong via Shanghai.

It is reported that the Ta-tai of Feng-ho-ling has committed suicide by taking gold, so he fears the loss of that place might be plied to his blame.

The Post Office and Money Order Office will be entirely closed to-morrow (China New Year's day) and there will be no delivery. The night post will be kept open.

Among the passengers by the P. & O. steamer *Formosa*, which left for home yesterday were Colonel Macdonald, R.A., and Lieutenant-Colonel St. Paul, of the R.H.A. Brigade.

The decorations were a dream of beauty. The entrance hall was hung with Japanese lanterns and the pillars festooned with evergreens. The balustrading was draped with red cloth with lines of foliage and at intervals clusters of chrysanthemums, the general effect being light and graceful. On the first landing foliage plants were massed against the wall and peeping between them were brass mortars; in the corners were shield bearing St. George's Cross above which was the Royal Coat of Arms, the whole being surmounted by a large tracing of St. George and the Dragon. On the side walls were stars of bayonets with coloured electric lights in the centres. In St. George's Hall the electric light had been substituted for gas, which contributed largely to the pleasing appearance of novelty and brightness which characterized the treatment of this handsome room. There was a large chandelier in the centre, from which festoons of blue and white ribbon were carried to the wa's in Maypole style, and a row of closely placed small lights running round the room just under the cornices had a very pretty effect. At the head of the room were the royal standard and royal coat of arms and above each doorway was a banner bearing one of the quarters of the standard, standard and beneath, from each lance, hung a basket of plants or cut flowers. At the bottom of the room was a trophy of flags. In St. Andrew's Hall gas has not yet been replaced by the electric light and the hall was treated in the usual manner with flags draped over the doorways and windows, no special feature of novelty having been introduced. The drawing room was lighted by electricity and was made to look very handsome and comfortable. 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THE STRIKE AT NEWCASTLE N.S.W.

SYDNEY, 7th January.

The Newcastle coal trade is greatly disturbed. Business is almost at a standstill, and the men on strike are holding a very threatening attitude. The present strike involved both owners and miners, pointing out the various faults of a struggle at the present juncture, and urging sacrifices on both sides in the interests of peace.

AN AUSTRALIAN FAILURE.

BRISBANE, 7th January.

Alfred Shaw and Co. of Brisbane, have suspended payment. Liabilities £1,000,000.

THE ENGLISH CRICKETERS IN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, 6th January.

The English press generally is very jubilant over the success of the Australian team in the test matches, and venture the opinion that it is safe to back the Englishmen to win three out of the five test matches.

COOLGARIE GOLD.

LONDON, 10th January.

Further rich finds of gold are reported at Coolgari and other fields.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

LONDON, 10th January.

An offer has been made to construct the Pacific Cable from Vancouver to New Zealand for £1,000,000.

SERIOUS FIRE AT TORONTO.

LONDON, 10th January.

A great fire has occurred at Toronto, the damage being estimated at £200,000.

MR. GLADSTONE ON THE ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

LONDON, 30th December.

In connection with the late outrages in Armenia, Mr. Gladstone states that it is the duty of England to await the results of the inquiries now being instituted into the circumstances of the alleged atrocities. In the event of their being proved, strict retribution, he says, should exact the Sultan of Turkey, to make him sensible of the madness of his policy.

LABOUR TROUBLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, 29th December.

Wages have been reduced from 10 to 35 per cent. at the great rolling mills and iron works of the Carnegie Company at Pittsburgh, United States, and an outbreak of violence on the part of the employees is expected in consequence.

OUTRAGE IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, 27th December.

From Marocco, it is reported that a party of Scotch missionaries were executing a reign of terror in their number, a young lad named Macmillan, who was a son of a horse, fell from his horse. When struggling in the water she was seized by a hand of Moors, who removed her to a secret hiding place, and demanded a ransom for her release. Prior to this being proved she died.

STORMY VOGUE OF A. & C. STEAMER.

LONDON, 25th December.

The P. & O. steamer China had a terrible voyage across the Bay of Biscay, and the vessel was greatly damaged. One seaman was killed and seven others injured.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

LONDON, 28th December.

The Royal Commission appointed by the Imperial Government have commenced their inquiries into the causes which have led to the financial crisis in Newfoundland.

As a result, Mr. Henry Coke, the manager, and four of the directors of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland have been arrested at St. John's. They are charged with having included in the assets of the bank certain securities which had been mortgaged with the London and Westminster Bank in order to enable them to meet advances.

THE COMMISSION recommended to the Imperial Government to endorse 20 per cent. of the notes issued by the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland and 55 per cent. of the notes issued by the Union Bank of Newfoundland.

AGRICULTURAL DISTRESS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, 29th December.

The Yorkshire farmers are at present holding a convention to consider the prevailing agricultural distress and the best means for its relief.

As the situation is becoming critical, the Ministry urged that the Parliamentary Commission, now inquiring into the desirability of constructing light lines of railway for the benefit of farmers and the agricultural districts, should also take into consideration the alarming increase in the importation of Australian boned butter.

MR. JAMES LOWTHIAN, Conservative M. P. for the Isle of Thanet, Division of Kent, expressed the opinion that it was unjust to tax home produce while admitting free the produce of other countries.

THE REVOLT OF LABOUR.

LONDON, 25th December.

One of the most significant signs of the times, which politicians would do well to note, is the growth of a conscious and organised reaction against what is called the Labour Movement, of the last six or seven years. Everyone possessing an inside knowledge of the subject and not willfully blind has long been aware that a great mass of opposition to this movement has been, and still is, on the increase.

But until recently it had been a silent, voiceless, inert, and therefore unorganised force, the general public, amid the din and dust raised by the new unionism. A few figures will well emphasise this striking fact. According to the last census there are in this country about nine millions of adult working men but the nominal roll of trade unions, which is considerably in excess of the real number, is only one million. Take this, then, as a rough estimate, that the trade unions only represent 11.2 per cent. of the labour population, while the remaining 88.8 per cent. deliberately decline to join. And, secondly, even among unions, strictly, of the new movement has been most frequently displayed. They have been "called out" on strike in its support again and again, and have fully refused to come in. It is not so long since, in May, 1892, without a strike, and other rather "leaders" were calling every body into frequent intervals on the part of the principle of the new unionism. They need to talk with bated breath of the awful struggle impending in spite of their utmost efforts to avert it; how that on such-and-such a day so many millions of men would leave work and paralyse the entire business of the country. So, too, the trade unions, to carry out this grand programme, had to be the strongest of the unions, would have none of it; and when one of their foolish strikes did come off, in every case a large proportion of the men only followed the call under protest to save themselves from violence, and took the earliest opportunity of joining hands with free labour and throwing up their arms. An organised revolt had been taken out in the ranks of labour in revolt against the policy and the methods of those who have so long misrepresented its wishes and damaged its interests.

The new departure has come at the right time when a general election is looming the horizon but by no means distant future, and politicians are busy attempting to divine and anticipate the wishes of the electorate. Putting local questions to one side, the predominant interest of every party is to be found in English conditions, which is paramount.

A just estimate, therefore, of the real aspirations of Labour is all-important. If they were commensurate with the new unionism, as some profess to believe, then we should be forthwith committed to a purely Socialistic legislation. That is the avowed programme of the Socialist party of the Trades Union Congress which they have copied from the Socialists; their effect is very simple and intelligible, and may be summed up in the words, "Down with Capital!" They want the nationalisation of "everything, the means of production to be handed over to the State," &c., and the first step in the abolition of the capitalist.

Of course the newspaper which, for commercial purposes, has chosen to do this, has all capitalist journals, do not openly advocate the Socialistic programme, but cover it up under the more agreeable and individualistic term "collectivism;" but above all the new unionists themselves are in a justice, or non-coalition, party, and we are invited "Down with Capital!"

They are, in fact, for all the world to see, and the position they demand has that object. The direction of the world to come, the world minded and more independent nations, have joined hands with non-socialists in a revolt against a policy which they consider oppressive, unwise, and detrimental to the interests of all.

—Arthur Shadwell in the *Sentinel*.

NOTES ON GRATES.

A genial gentleman writes that certain of the inhabitants of Field Court, Gray's Inn, have been the victims of a series of robberies perpetrated in or about the year 1893. There is nothing in or about the court itself suggesting any practical joking, or the humour of any age. Some weeks ago strange peals began to be played in certain houses, of the court — it was when workmen commenced to buy and sell in certain houses, of the court — the morning of heavy weights. Then all the clocks stopped in every room, whether occupied or empty; not altogether, but with a few minutes' interval between some, as if gradually and then touched each pendulum in turn. The door was open almost without sound to admit visitors, and the room was a loud report through the still house as though a soul from bed. It was a week after this that a tenant was confronted one morning by a small and early Cinderella, located in an attic, who, having retired to rest on one side of the room, the next morning in the opposite corner — the distance of a few feet — at the altered, the entire distance of the room — and who now proposed leaving that room, as he was a scoundrel. The master began to be anxious, the bed had plainly moved, and no light allusions to the "Transit of Venus" and other irreverent talk would assuage your fancies about such a house. When, two nights after, a certain glass cupboard fell in (including, alas! a precious silver vase) to the floor to be broken. Then a heartbreak in one of the oldest rooms sank halfway through the floor in the middle of the night. There was a bed in the room above directly under the place where the cupboard happened, the occupant of which became seriously alarmed. Now, as has been said, this mischievous plot to be the outcome of the humour of the master of the court had been discovered, and the master, as explained by the maid, was a scoundrel.

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